

## Shell India Chairman gets Asian Business Leader Global Award

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Vikram Singh Mehta, Shell India Chairman, will today receive the first Asian Business Leader Award presented by Asia House – Europe's leading pan-Asian organisation – at an event in London.

In recognition for his leadership and contribution to business in Asia, Vikram Singh Mehta, Chairman, Shell Companies in India will be the recipient of the first Asian Business Leader Award by "Asia House" – the leading pan-Asian organization in Europe at a dinner in London on October 14th. The other recipients of the awards are Stephen Green, the Ex Chairman of HSBC and currently the Minister of Trade in the UK government and Jack Ma, Chairman and CEO of the Alibaba group.

'It is humbling to be recognized along with people who have led major global corporation and have made a significant contribution to world economics by a strong focus on the triple bottom line. I am of course proud to represent my country at these awards and I deeply appreciate the support of colleagues at Shell worldwide for our mission in India' said Vikram Singh Mehta on hearing of the honour being conferred.

Vikram has led Royal Dutch Shell in India since its return to the country in 1993 and is credited with having led the global oil and gas leader to becoming the largest and most diversified international investor in India's energy sector. Vikram's background comprises an educational history of excellence at Mayo College, St. Stephen's College (Delhi University), Magdalen College, (Oxford University) and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University). He joined the Indian Administrative Service but left after two years to join private industry in the petroleum industry.

He returned to government as an Advisor to the Indian Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for a four year period before going back into private industry with Shell where based out of London he was shareholder representative on the boards of Shell Companies in South Asia and Middle East (Gulf plus Saudi). In 1993 he spearheaded the return of Royal Dutch Shell to India.

He is currently on the boards of various companies, charities and educational institutions. A prolific writer, he has written a monthly column for over a decade for leading national dailies and is also published in many other papers and magazines besides being a regular commentator on various television channels on the economy. He is currently also the petroleum sector chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industry, India's leading business association.